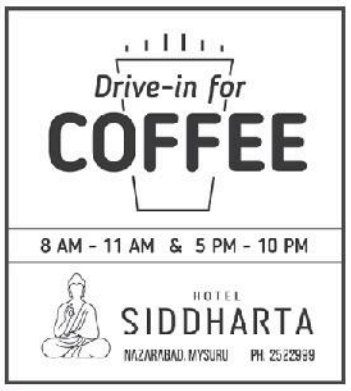

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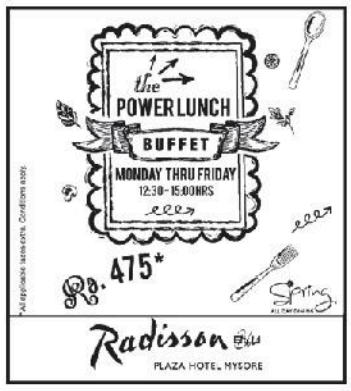

Police issue guidelines to Banks on withdrawal of Rs. 1 lakh and above

Mysuru, Feb. 18 (RK,SPN & KS)- In the wake of recent cases of loot of cash from people while carrying money from banks, the City Police have now decided to provide security to people withdrawing large sum of cash.

This comes in the backdrop of an incident where miscreants broke the glass of a car belonging to one Manoj Kumar and made away with Rs. 10 lakh cash in front of HDFC Bank in V.V. Mohalla on Nov. 27, 2020.

City Police have decided to provide security to those who want to withdraw huge sum of cash from their bank accounts and require security to take it to home or any other destination. For the purpose, people will have to inform cops in advance and tell the bank and destination.

Police sources told *Star of Mysore*, "In case a person is withdrawing large cash, they can inform the jurisdictional Police Station and a Constable will accompany the persons in need till their destinations, be it home or office or another bank. Not only individuals, even banks can inform the Police in advance about large withdrawals in case there is a need to provide security."

To prevent cash thefts, Police have issued five-point guidelines to banks under their jurisdictions: **1.** The mobile phone number of customers withdrawing Rs. 1 lakh and above be collected and given to the Police. **2.** Information about safe carrying of cash must be provided to customers withdrawing large cash. **3.** CCTV cameras should be installed and focused till the road and also ensure that the surveillance system is in working condition. **4.** Instructions be given to bank's security guard to inform customers about their safety. **5.** Inform Police in case of any suspicious person found in the bank. DCP (Crime and Traffic) M.S. Geetha Prasanna said that letters with the above guidelines have been sent to all Bank Managers.

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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Thursday 18th February 2021

Illegal BPL card holders asked to return card by March end

Bengaluru, Feb.18 (KMS&DM)- In a crackdown on illegal BPL card holders, the Food and Civil Supplies Department has asked all unauthorised BPL card holders to voluntarily return the same to the Department latest by March.

Addressing the Department officials at a meeting held in the State capital recently, Food and Civil Supplies Minister Umesh Katti said that the Government has taken serious note of misuse of eligibility criteria for getting BPL cards.

Pointing out that it has come to notice that a significant percentage of affluent families too have succeeded in unauthorisedly getting BPL cards, the Minister said that the Government had given many chances for illegal card holders to return the same. But it has been found that only 55 to 60 percent of them have returned, he said and added that this was the last chance for ineligible families to return BPL cards.

Stating that officials have been directed to trace illegal card holders through Aadhaar validation, Katti said that only those families whose annual income is less than Rs.1.2 lakh are eligible to have BPL cards.

Noting that Government, Para-Government, Income Tax payers, Tractor, Motorbikes, TV and Refrigerator owners and also those owning more than 5 acres of land are ineligible to get BPL cards, he warned that criminal cases will be filed against affluent families possessing BPL cards, if they failed to voluntarily return the same within the March deadline.

Inauguration of MPJA and logo launch on Feb. 20

Mysuru, Feb.18- Former Chief Minister and Opposition Leader Siddharamaiah will inaugurate **Mysuru Photo-Journalists Association (MPJA)** on Feb.20 at 10 am at Patrakarthara Bhavan in city. Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji will grace the occasion. MLA G.T. Devegowda will launch the MPJA logo. MPJA President Pragathi Gopalakrishna will preside.

MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev, MDJA President S.T. Ravikumar, Karnataka Union of Working Journalists (KUWJ) President Shivanand Tagadur and Karnataka Photo-Journalists Association President S. Eshwar will be the chief guests.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

A Punjab man who had sexual relations with an Australia-based woman but later broke his promise of marriage prompting the woman to file a rape case, highlights a grey area in the law. The Jat Sikh man claimed his family objected to her Dalit status. Rejected anticipatory bail by High Court, the man agreed to marriage and secured conditional bail from Supreme Court, provided he didn't renege on his promise a second time.The relationship – from love, rape charges and bail through to marital bliss – swings between extremes like a B grade melodrama. But notice too the oddity of a serious charge like rape getting trivialised. Rape constitutes an extreme violation of the human body and will, which no justice system can condone, where the perpetrator must face exemplary punishment, for the physical and mental trauma unleashed on the survivor/victim. There is one conversation in India, not marginal, that blames rape on the victim and even her lifestyle. Another commentary claims that many rape cases aren't per se sexual assault and penetration against a woman's will. Tagging sexual relations on the false promise of marriage as rape feeds the latter discourse. But here's reality: National Family Health Survey -4 survey showed a whopping 60 percent Indian women experiencing sexual violence but only 10 percent of them seeking help. Relationships often sour; not every affair culminates in marriage. Calling a failed relationship rape – as an afterthought – infantilises the Indian woman strangely. Calling it rape is also unfair to victims of sexual violence. — *In The Times of India*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Hottest place is like walking on hot pan

Dasht-e Lut: Iran's Dasht-e Lut desert is only the 25th largest desert in the world, but it holds the record for the highest and surface temperature ever recorded, over 70 degrees Celsius.

Dasht-e Lut (Persian for "Emptiness Plain") is a large salt desert that, scientists believe, formed on the bottom of a sea. Millions of years ago, tectonic shifts caused the bottom of the sea to rise, with the water slowly evaporating due to the high temperatures. Today, it's a barren land about 51,800 square kilometers in size, surrounded by mountains on all sides, which contributes to the record-setting temperatures recorded here, as they prevent humid air from the Mediterranean and Arabian Seas to reach it.

The hottest part of Dasht-e Lut is a region called Gandom Beryan, a plateau covered with volcanic black pebbles, about 480 square kilometers. The dark pebbles are one of the determining factors for the extreme land temperatures recorded here, as they absorb more energy from sunlight, only reflecting a fraction of it.

Mom of 11 not to stop growing her family

Russia: A 23-year-old Russian woman has become a mother of 11 in just 10 months time, after turning to surrogates in order to have as many babies as possible, as quickly as possible.

Christina Ozturk only gave birth once, at the age of 17, when she had her first daughter Vika, but after marrying millionaire husband Galip Ozturk, 56, she was keen on building a big family with him, so she turned to surrogate mothers to have 10 babies in just 10 months. The couple's first child together, Mustafa, was born in March of last year, while their most recent addition to the family and tenth child together, Olivia, was born last month. Christina and Galip don't know how many children they'll end up having together, but they definitely don't plan on stopping at 10.

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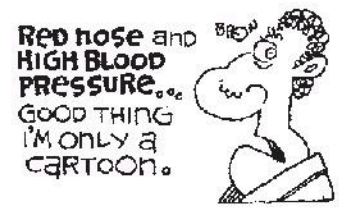

A pink nose and rosy cheeks (dilated capillaries) may be an indication that you have low stomach acidity. Low HCL and pepsin are linked to a number of problems, including hardened arteries and high blood pressure.

COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

DATES	FEB. 16	FEB. 17
Day's Positive Cases	12	17
Total Positive Cases	53,805	53,822
Day's Discharges	43	41
Total Discharges	52,598	52,639
Day's Deaths	2	0
Total Deaths	1,028	1,028
Total Active Cases	178	154

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

Classes for 6 to 8 from Feb.22

Bengaluru, Feb.18 (KMS&DM) - Over 10 months after the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic in March last year, physical classes on a full-scale for 6th to 8th standards will commence across the State from Feb.22.

Primary and Secondary Education Minister Suresh Kumar said that the decision to open classes for 6th to 8th standards was taken based on the suggestions of COVID-19 Technical Expert Committee and academicians. He said that schools are required to follow all SOPs issued by Government on precautionary measures for ensuring health and safety of children.

Referring to the start of classes from 1st to 5th standards, Suresh Kumar said that there were no immediate plans before the Government in this regard and the Government is not in a hurry. However, he said he will hold a meeting with all stakeholders on Feb.24 to discuss about the start of classes for 1st to 5th standards during which a decision may be taken.

He further said that the academics of these classes will not be affected as online and Vidyagama classes are currently going on.

REALLY...?

- ***Tungnath is the highest Lord Shiva temple in the world. Tungnath literally means (Lord of Peaks) mountains forms the Alaknanda and Mandakini River Valleys. This temple is believed to be 1,000 years old and has links to Pandavas and Fighters of Mahabharata epic.***

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Wife: *Do you die for me?*
Husband: *No, mine is undying love !!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 72.75
1 UK Pound	= Rs.100.79
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 19.81
1 Euro	= Rs. 87.59

VOICE OF THE READER

MCC and Online Property Tax

Sir,

An effort was made last year for payment of property tax, though not online, but system-based work was done in the previous financial year. Subsequently, MCC officials visited some houses and made a mapping for ensuring and to facilitate payment of property tax online in future.

Last year, the exercise of payment of property tax was same, that is form filling in computers and then standing in long queue, at the convenience of Bank timing and precisely no improvement, except eliminating hand written forms and challans against payment of fees which was purely unofficial.

Now the new financial year is just couple of weeks ahead and citizens are curious to understand whether MCC has really made any improvements or as usual, just to visit the Zonal Offices and repeat the old exercise, thus wasting time and energy.

Added to the agony is the leadership change at MCC and this should not be a hindrance for making payment of property tax online this time. Hope MCC will clarify well in advance ?!

— Vijay Hemmige

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COVID-19: CFTRI conducts Phase-2 study on sero-surveillance

Mysuru, Feb. 18- In continuation of COVID-19 related activities, the CSIR-Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI) has conducted Phase-2 pan-CSIR study on sero-surveillance.

The study was conducted in collaboration with CSIR- Institute of Genomics and Integrative Biology (IGIB), New Delhi.

The study aimed at covering the large population size across CSIR laboratories pan India to assess the sustained immune status of an individual and the extent of herd immunity achieved.

The outcome of the study shall help in formulating COVID-19 vaccine guidelines across the country.

This phenome India pan-CSIR sero-surveillance was conducted over a period of four days from Feb.4 in the Institute, and open to all CFTRI students, staff and their family members.

The programme was inaugurated by Dr. Sridevi Annapurna Singh, Director, CSIR-CFTRI.

Project leader Dr. Prakash M. Halami and members Dr. S.P. Muthukumar, Dr. P.V. Ravindra and Dr. M. Gopinath, Dr. Avilash S. Rani (CFTRI Doctor) and volunteers were present.

Major C.G. Rohith promoted as Lieutenant Colonel

Mysuru, Feb. 18- Major Cheranda Ganapathy Rohith, a resident of Bogadi in Mysuru, has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel on Feb. 15.

Maj. C.G. Rohith

He has been serving in the Indian Army (AMC) and at present, he is serving as an Administrative Officer with Military Hospital, Wellington. An alumnus of SBRR Mahajana Pre-University College, he graduated from Karnataka State Open University (KSOU), Mysuru. Hailing from Ponnampet in Kodagu, he is the son of C.M. Ganapathy and Prema Ganapathy.

Zonal-Level Science Expo contest tomorrow

Mysuru, Feb. 18- As part of an effort to make students develop an interest towards Science, the Karnataka State Vignana Parishat will be conducting its annual Zonal-level Science Expo contest for Under-Graduate students of the city tomorrow. The Parishat will be conducting separate contests by categorising the districts of the State under six zones — Mysuru, Bengaluru, Shivamogga, Dharwad, Mangaluru and Kalaburagi, with a Co-ordinator appointed for every Zone.

Mysuru Zonal-level contest will take place at Maharani's Science College for Women on JLB road. The College's Associate Professor Dr. K.K. Padmanabha has been appointed as the Co-ordinator for Mysuru Zone. The Directorate of Collegiate Education, Mysuru Zone comprises Mysuru, Hassan, Mandya and Chamarajanagar districts and students from all Degree Colleges (Government, aided and unaided) of these districts will take part, displaying a variety of Science models.

Best model will get the first prize of Rs. 5,000, second prize Rs.4,000, third prize - Rs.3,000 and there will be two consolation prizes of Rs. 2,000 each. Also all the students who participate will be distributed certificates.

The expo will focus on the themes — 'Clean and Green Energy', 'Food, Health and Hygiene', 'Exploring Space' and 'Let us eradicate plastic wastes through eco-friendly technology.'

Prizes will be declared by a four-member Jury, after judging all the models on display. Joint Director of Collegiate Education Prof. R. Mugeshappa and Principal Dr. B.P. Dayananda are making all efforts to ensure the success of the expo. For details, call Dr. K.K. Padmanabha - 9481832280 or State Convenor P.S. Kaushik - 9742711555.

SAMRIDHI shopping extravaganza on Feb. 19 & 20

Mysuru, Feb. 18- SAMRIDHI lifestyle exhibition is back to make the fashionistas of Mysuru binge on an unforgettable shopping extravaganza on 19th and 20th February at *Hotel Quorum,* Vinobha Road, from 10.30 am to 8.30 pm.

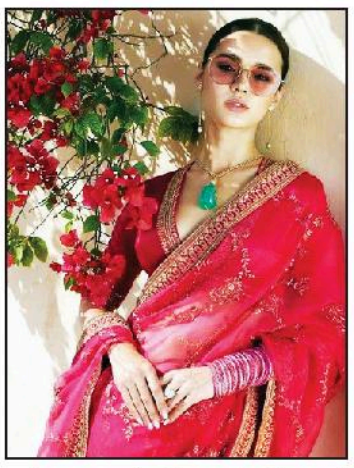
This season the designers bring unmatched collection to drive the blues away.

SAKHI BY THE CHANDRAS offers a stylish range of designer sarees, ready blouses, gold & silver jewellery and fashion accessories.

Give your wardrobe an instant uplift with breezy cottons, Mix N Match separates by TRENDITIONAL. Infuse a clever brand of rustic elements with contemporary silhouettes by NANS CREATIONS and make a fashion statement with trendy and exquisite jewellery by KUBER.

LUKNOWI KURTIES in pastel shades will be perfect for the summer's onslaught.

Hair accessories by SIMRANS COLLECTION are timeless. Stylish & alluring sarees will be presented by ETHERIAL & SHREEJI, BHOR from Jaipur



gets an eclectic collection of Bags, Jutis, Pop coloured Tops &colourful thread jewellery.

A range of exotic Bed Linen by MITA & beaded mojris will be irresistible. Chic Hakoba Pants, Tops & Blouses by POONAM will be perfect for summer.

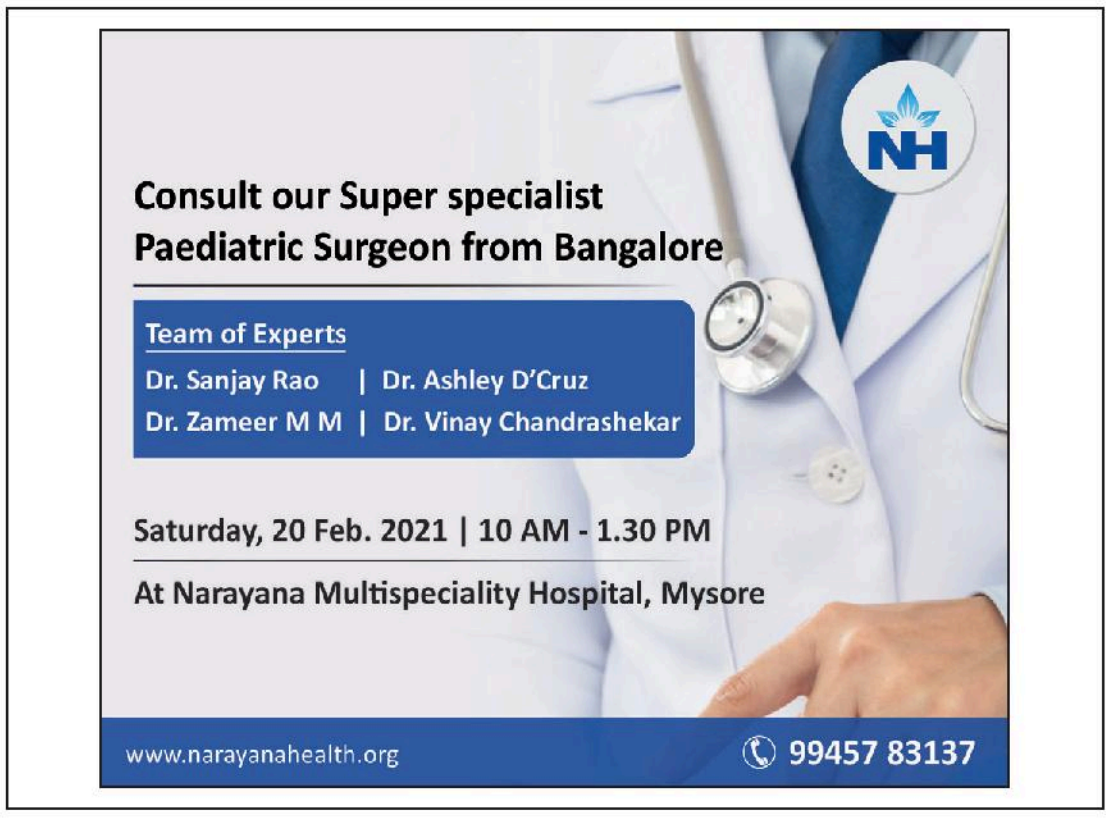
MANDYS COLLECTION will have an impeccable collection of Embroidered Suits. ANVESHA will curate fabulous fitted Kurtas. KURTINEST will present trendy and elegant Kurties.

Seasoned Cast Iron cookware, silver jewellery and much more will all add to the glitz and glamour, says the Organiser Geeta Patel.

Two-day Dance training camp

Mysuru, Feb. 18- Karnataka Sangeetha Nritya Academy has organised a dance training camp at Namana Kala Mantapa in Krishnamurthypuram here today and tomorrow.

Music and dance exponent Arjun Bharadwaj will be the resource person. Academy Member Smriti Haritsa is the camp convenor. For details, contact Mob: 99000-13295.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NEWS BRIEFS

Online Matrimonial Meet on Feb. 21

JSS Vivaha Vedike will be conducting online matrimonial meet on Sunday (Feb. 21) from 11 am to 1 pm. Those who have registered with the Vedike may attend. Prospective brides and grooms can also register their names at the Office of JSS Vivaha Vedike. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2430322 or Mob: 96110-70674.

Entries invited for child award

The Karnataka State Bala Vikas Academy at Dharwad has invited entries from child achievers in various fields for conferment of the Academy's 'Balagourava Prashasthi (2020-21).' The applicants must be below 18 years of age and should have an outstanding record in the field of Music, Dance, Acting, Sports, Painting, Handicrafts, Writing and Innovation. Interested children should send entries, along with details and self-attested records of their achievement to the Academy Office located behind KHB Colony, Chandrika Layout, Dharwad, before Feb. 20. For details, contact Ph: 0836-2461666, according to a press release from the Department of Women and Child Welfare.

Youth Hostels: Tourist offer

Youth Hostels, Mysuru, is offering temporary accommodation to tourists, researchers, job-seekers and those coming on a visit to Mysuru at affordable prices. For details, contact Mob: 98807-97131, according to a press release.

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Inflow	126	cusecs
Outflow	525	cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	2,859.00	feet
Today	2,823.03	feet
Inflow	58	cusecs
Outflow	30	cusecs

Alleged death following treatment to stomach pain

Parents, public stage protest in front of hospital

Hunsur, Feb. 18 (Raghu&KS)- Urging for the suspension of the doctor, who had treated a youth for stomach pain, who later died, the parents of the youth and public, holding the doctor responsible for the death of the youth, staged a protest in front of Hunsur Government Hospital this morning.

Rahul

Details: The youth, identified as Rahul (19), son of Babulal, a resident of Store Street in Hunsur, began to suffer from severe stomach pain on Tuesday night and was taken to Hunsur Government Hospital for treatment.

After being treated by a doctor there, Rahul returned home and slept with his father. His family members, who saw him sleeping even after 7 am, thought that he had suffered from severe pain last night and did not wake him up. As Rahul did not wake up, his family members tried to wake him up only to find him dead.

Expressing doubts over the death of Rahul, his father Babulal informed the Police and lodged a complaint against the doctor, who had treated Rahul.

Hunsur Circle Inspector Poovaiah, Sub-Inspector Latesh Kumar and staff visited the spot and shifted the body to MMC&RI mortuary in Mysuru for post-mortem.

Following the conduct of post-mortem, the body of Rahul was brought to Hunsur this morning and was taken to his house, where it was kept for some time and the parents and public took the body to Hunsur Government Hospital to stage protest, but were prevented by the Police.

Soon, wordy duel ensued between the crowd and the Police, but the public somehow managed to take the body and staged a protest in front of the hospital.

MLA H.P. Manjunath visited the spot and after hearing the allegations from the parents and public, he assured them of looking into the issue.

Pawn Brokers warned against collecting exorbitant interest

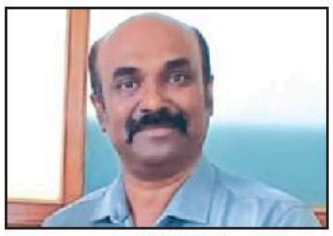
Mysuru, Feb. 18- The Co-operation Department has warned that legal action will be initiated against non-Banking financial institutions and pawn brokers if they are found charging the customers more interest than permitted.

In a Press release, G.R. Vijayakumar, Deputy Registrar of Co-operative Societies, said that the Department has been receiving complaints about non-Banking financial institutions and Pawn Brokers in Mysuru district charging customers a higher interest than stipulated by the Government. Hence, legal action will be initiated against such financial institutions and pawn brokers who charge a higher interest than stipulated.

Also, all pawn brokers are required to display the Government stipulation in bold, on their notice boards for the benefit of customers and members of the public, the release said.

A.M. Yogesh takes charge as Mysuru ZP CEO

Mysuru, Feb. 18 (PM&DM)- A.M. Yogesh, a selection Grade IAS officer, took charge as the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Mysuru Zilla Panchayat (ZP) from outgoing CEO B.A. Paramesh at the ZP office here yesterday.



A.M. Yogesh

A.M. Yogesh, son of Marithibbegowda and Nanjamma couple of K.R. Pet in Mandya district, studied B.Sc at Yuvaraja's College in Mysuru.

Yogesh, a 2004 batch KAS officer, had served for six years in Mysuru earlier in various capacities. He was serving as Additional Commissioner at the Regional Commissioner's office in Mysuru, when he was posted as Mysuru ZP CEO.

Speaking after assuming charge, Yogesh said he would focus on implementing Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) and Rural Drinking Water Schemes, besides concentrating on Solid Waste Management. Expressing confidence that he would work with support from people representatives, he said that he was hopeful of making Mysuru a model district in all respects.

He also recalled his earlier service in Mysuru and about the co-operation extended by the people and people representatives.

Alleged dowry death: Husband arrested

Periyapatna, Feb. 18 (KS)- Periyapatna Police have arrested a man following the death of his wife due to alleged dowry harassment. The arrested is Manju, a resident of Hitnahalli village in the taluk, while his deceased wife is Sunitha (26).

Daughter of Eerappaji of Naaralapura village in the taluk, Sunitha was given in marriage to Manju on Mar. 15, 2020.

On Feb. 14 this year, Sunitha was admitted to Priyapatna Government Hospital with severe burn injuries. She was provided first aid and was later shifted to K.R. Hospital in Mysuru, where she succumbed to burn injuries.

During that time, Sunitha's father had given his statement that his daughter (Sunitha) had died following an accidental fire incident. But Sunitha had sent a voice message to her brother Sunil Kumar's friend Manikanta's mobile phone, where she had stated that she was being harassed by her husband, father-in-law Rajappa and mother-in-law Shivamma and has also mentioned to send all the three to jail in case she died. Based on the voice message of Sunitha, Sunil Kumar lodged a Police complaint.

Sunitha and Manju

Periyapatna Sub-Inspector Sadashiva Thippareddy, based on the complaint, has arrested Manju and is investigating.

Obituary

B.N. Raghavendrachar

Mysuru, Feb. 18- B.N. Raghavendrachar (86), retd. Director of PUC Board and a resident of Gokulam, passed away at a private hospital in city this morning.

He leaves behind his wife Geeta Achar and son Murali.

He had also served as Secretary of Raghavendra Mutt, Jayalakshmipuram, for long. Last rites were performed at Chirashantidhama this afternoon.

K.V. Mahadevappa

Nanjangud: K.V. Mahadevappa (68), former Secretary of Heggadahalli PACC Bank, passed away at his residence in Kongalli yesterday. He leaves behind his wife, three daughters and a son.

Last rites were performed at the family's farm in Kongalli this noon.

Rahul Gandhi, Priyanka attend
Aisshwarya-Amarthya reception

Bengaluru, Feb. 18 (Agencies)- Former Congress President Rahul Gandhi and his sister Priyanka Gandhi Vadra (Party General Secretary) flew to Bengaluru yesterday to participate in the wedding reception of KPCC President D.K. Shivakumar's daughter Aisshwarya, who tied the knot with Amarthya Hegde.

Grandson of former CM S.M. Krishna, Amarthya is the son of *Cafe Coffee Day* founder late V.G. Siddhartha and Krishna's daughter Malavika Hegde. The wedding was held on Feb. 14.

It was an opulent ceremony at Prestige Golfshire Club in Devanahalli where the reception was held. Shivakumar went to the Kempegowda International Airport in Bengaluru to receive Rahul and Priyanka.

Before their arrival, Shivakumar had taken to social media to tell his supporters and well-wishers not to gate-crash the wedding venue. He asked those without invites to bless the couple from the comfort of their homes keeping in mind the social distancing and Corona norms. Shivakumar put out the message because there were hundreds of gate-crashers both at the *sangeet* and the wedding.

Joining Rahul Gandhi were Rajasthan CM Ashok Gehlot, Karti Chidambaram, former PM H.D. Deve Gowda, Governor Vajubhai R. Vala, Congress National General Secretary K.C. Venugopal and Randeep Singh Surjewala, the General Secretary in-charge of Karnataka. Former Opposition Leader in the Rajya Sabha Ghulam Nabi Azad and Puducherry CM Narayanaswamy too were present.

The who's who of Bengaluru, MLAs, MLCs and former legislators from the Congress, BJP and JD(S) were there to bless the couple. Many senior IAS and IPS officers were also present. It took almost two hours to reach the venue with a huge pile-up of cars on the road. The reception was live-streamed on social media.

The entire plush resort was booked by Shivakumar and all other guests were asked to vacate two days before the reception. Apart from the Police, private security was arranged. The menu included at least 100 varieties of choice dishes from North and South India — vegetarian and non-vegetarian — besides an array of desserts prepared by over 200 cooks and culinary experts from five star hotels.

Kushalnagar-Srirangapatna
Highway works to begin in 15 months: MP

Pratap Simha

Madikeri, Feb. 18 (PS&BCT)- The works on the new Mysuru-Kushalnagar Highway project to be taken up by National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) will begin in 15 months. Called the Mysuru-Madikeri Economic Corridor Expressway Project along Mysuru-Madikeri NH-275, the project will directly connect Kushalnagar in Kodagu to Paschimavahini in Srirangapatna, Mandya District.

The land acquisition process is already on for the 115-km-long Expressway costing Rs.6,000 crore. It is a fully Centrally-funded Project including land acquisition, said Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha, presiding over the Kodagu District Development Coordination and Monitoring Committee meeting at Zilla Panchayat Hall in Madikeri yesterday.

The four-lane Highway project will be part of the 376-km-long National Highway-275 between Bengaluru and Bantwal. The new Highway will reduce the vehicle pressure on NH - 275, the lifeline between Mysuru and Madikeri and commuters from Madikeri to Bengaluru need not touch Mysuru at all, the MP said.

This would not only reduce the travel time, but also spare Mysuru of the congestion, noise and air pollution, he reasoned. "The existing four-lane road between Mysuru and Madikeri has reached a saturation point and there is an urgent need to build a separate road," the MP said.

The Expressway will connect Kushalnagar with Bengaluru bypassing Kushalnagar town, Bylakuppe, Koppa, Kampalapura, Periyapatna, Kallbeta, Gonikoppal Deviation Road, Hunsur, Gungral Chatra, Hale Unduwadi, Hosa Ramanahalli and Mysuru. The Expressway will touch the Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway at Paschimavahini near Srirangapatna.

Three bypasses have been proposed having an aggregate length of 84 km. While the combined bypass for Mysuru, Bilikere and Hunsur would be 51.43 km, the bypasses for Kushalnagar and Periyapatna would be 12.34 km and 20.22 km respectively.

Vokkaliga Seer wants hike in quota,
Development Authority for Community

Bengaluru, Feb.18 (SSV)- Strongly advocating the need for increase in reservation quota for Vokkaliga community, Dr. Nirmalanandanatha Swamiji of Adichunchanagiri Mutt has decided to submit a memorandum to the State Government seeking formation of Vokkaliga Development Authority and to include the community in Backward Classes list.

This was decided at a meeting held under the Chairmanship of the Vokkaliga pontiff at Vijayanagar Shakha Mutt here yesterday to discuss about hike in reservation, constitution of Authority and inclusion of urban and rural economically weaker Vokkaligas to Other Backward Classes category.

The Seer said that as many as 115 sub-castes in Vokkaliga community have not been included in Backward Classes list because of which they were denied of Government benefits. So, all those sub-castes must be added to the list for which they need to fight, he said.

The community people, living in urban areas, were also in distress and they too must be extended the benefit of reservation. Without differentiating between urban and rural Vokkaligas, everyone must be brought under the ambit of reservation, he noted.

Efforts to divide community

Sri Nanjavadhoota Swamiji said efforts were on to divide the Vokkaliga community and they would become minority in case sub-castes go out of it. The community leaders must ensure that such a costly mistake was not done. They must continue to fight till their demands of hike in reservation quota and constitution of Vokkaliga Development Authority were met by the Government.

The meeting opined that there was scope to increase reservation as done in Tamil Nadu where the reservation has been capped at 69 percent. Several Committees including Vokkaligara Meesalathi Horata Samithi were constituted to put pressure on the State Government in this regard.

Community leaders Y.K. Puttaswamygowda, C. Chikkanna, T. Thimmegowda, Dr. H.N. Krishna and KVR Tagore were elected as members of two Committees. Retired Judge Chandrashekaraiah, Shankarlingegowda, Dr.H.N. Krishna, Srikantaiah, T. Venkatesh, L.N. Mukundaraj, Nagathihalli Chandrashekar and Chikkarangegowda were present at the meeting.

Yaduveer's Bherunda Foundation to help
conservation of Hallikar and Amrit Mahal breeds

Animal Husbandry Minister Prabhu Chauhan greeting Yaduveer with a shawl and a bouquet at the Mysore Palace yesterday.

Mysuru, Feb.18 (PM&SSV)- The titular head of Mysore Royal family, Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar has promised all assistance and co-operation from the Bherunda Foundation for the conservation of Hallikar and Amrit Mahal cow breeds.

The Amrit Mahal is one of the two breeds, along with Hallikar, which have received the royal patronage and care from the erstwhile Vijayanagar Kingdom, Sultans and Princely State of Mysore through conservation and development.

Yaduveer stated this after meeting Animal Husbandry Minister Prabhu Chauhan at the Palace here yesterday.

The duo discussed in detail about the conservation of Hallikar and Amrit Mahal cow breeds that have gone extinct.

Yaduveer said as much as 45,000 acres of Gomala land had been reserved for the development of Amrit Mahal breed. There have been instances of using these cows to drive away enemies during war. The State Government deserves appreciation for implementing Anti-Cow Slaughter Act to preserve cows. This would help in the conservation of the breeds in extinct, he added.

The Minister said the Government proposes to grow fodder on 5,000 acres in Amrit Mahal Kaval as part of conservation plan.

Fused Bulbs and Life Lessons !

By N.K.A. Ballal,
Retd. Sr. Vice-President, ITDC

Ballal

A WhatsApp forward: A Senior Executive retired and shifted from his palatial official quarters to the Housing Society, where he owned a flat. He considered himself big and never talked to anyone. Even while walking in the Society Park every evening, he ignored others, looking at them with contempt.

One day, it somehow transpired that an elderly person sitting beside him started a conversation and they continued to meet. Every conversation was mostly a monologue with the retired Executive harping on his pet topic. "No one here can imagine the post and high position I held before retirement. I came here due to compulsions..." And so on. The other elderly person used to listen to him quietly.

After many days, when the retired Executive was inquisitive about others, the elderly listener opened his mouth and said, after retirement, we are all like fused bulbs, it does not matter what a bulb's wattage is, how much light or glitter it gave; after it gets fused it gets thrown into a dustbin.

He continued, "I have been living in this Society for the last 5 years and have not told anyone that I was a Member of Parliament for two terms. On your right over there, is Vermaji, who retired as General Manager in Indian Railways. Over there is Singh saheb, who was a Major General in the Army. That person sitting in spotless white is Mehraji, who was chief of ISRO before retirement. He has not revealed it to anyone, but I know. Everyone here in this Society has been in seat of power much higher than the post you held but now have reconciled to their retirement and so are content and happy.

All fused bulbs are now the same, whatever its wattage was — 0, 7, 40, 60, 100 watts — it does not matter now. Neither does it matter what type of bulb it was before it got fused. When one goes to purchase a new bulb, depending on the brand, wattage, make etc., one has to shell out money but once fused, all bulbs from 0 watt to a costly halogen costs nothing and that my friend, applies to you too. The day you understand this truth, you will find peace and tranquillity, even in this Housing Society.

The rising sun as well as the setting sun are both beautiful and adorable. But in reality, the rising sun gets more importance and adoration and is even worshipped whereas the setting sun is not even given the same reverence. Ironically, even doctors recommend the morning and afternoon sun for getting your daily dose of vitamin D !

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It is better to understand this sooner than later. Our current designation, title and power are not permanent. Keeping lot of emotions with these things only complicate our life. Remember in chess, when the game is over, the king and the pawn go back in the same box.

Stark truth, the reality one has to face, specially for people who are in seat of power. Power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely. It is a *nasha* or intoxication and once you are out of it, it takes a long time for one to get used to the reality.

I was General Manager for a long time of nearly 28 years of Hotels ranging from 2-star to 5-star deluxe properties all over India. In ITDC the General Manager always stays in the campus in luxury. Unlimited entertainment, food and drinks on offer. So I had hundreds of relatives near and far, enjoying my perks of stay, food and pool etc. Now that I am out of power and staying in my own house I hardly get anyone to visit us or even phone us. But since I had accepted this stark truth much earlier in my life even before retirement, this does not bother me. Only saving grace is that friends have not changed their attitude and still continue to behave the same way even in this "fused bulb" state.

The worst affected lot are politicians and Police personnel. They are so much used to men hovering around and yes men, they really miss all that in their prime. That is the reason many a businessmen never hand over the keys of business to their sons even in their prime. Why do you think the Queen of England has not abdicated her throne to Prince Charles who himself is in his sixties now? Eternal Prince in waiting. Simple, the Queen knows that the day she is out of power, she will be relegated to a corner in the same Palace she is ruling now. That is the reason all retired politicians somehow try to wangle a Governor's post to enjoy power in peace. Even Judges or retired bureaucrats wangle for some commission, post-retirement.

Everyone has to become a "fused bulb" sometime in life and the one who accepts this state in his or her mind can live in peace and be blissful. For people in business they have the luxury of deciding when they want to retire.

Does it mean that people in their prime have no role to play? Not at all. They can be good grandparents, mentors etc. Give advice when solicited only. Surprisingly this rule applies in the animal kingdom too. Lions and tigers who cannot hunt due to old age, slowly die, sometimes due to hunger !

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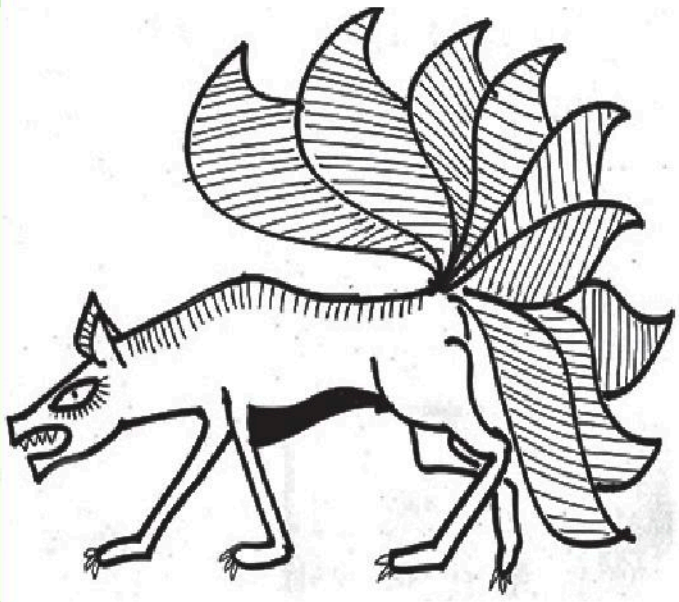
DECODING MYTHOLOGY

Dr. Devdutt Pattanaik - Author, Speaker, Illustrator, Mythologist

Fox with nine tails



In ancient China, the belief was that as the common red fox grew older, it would get supernatural powers. Its colour would change and its tails would multiply. Therefore, with the passage of time, an older fox would turn white and grow up to nine tails. A white fox with nine tails would eventually become divine. But, in its journey from an ordinary, red, field fox to the divine, white, nine-tailed fox, it became a mysterious, shape-shifting creature, male or female, benevolent or malevolent. Such creatures came to be associated with many folklores full of mischief, seduction, trickery and even violence. The stories spread as far as Japan and Korea.

The oldest Chinese stories show the nine-tailed, white fox as a benevolent being, associated with the Goddess of the West. However, in later stories of Chinese mythology, the fox spirit becomes a darker, malevolent force. The magical male fox would seduce young women with gifts that it would steal, thus destroying their morals. The magical female fox would drive emperors mad, force them to take foolish decisions, causing an uprising in their kingdom and their downfall.

In Japan, fox spirits remained generally benevolent. They were associated as the spirit Gods of Inari, the Goddess of rice and fortune. People encountered them in lonely spaces. There are stories of trickery — like when a musician was once stopped in the middle of the road by a family, who asked him to entertain them. They gave him food and wine. But in the morning, the man realised he was in the middle of a crematorium; all the food he had been given was actually garbage collected by foxes. There are stories of fox-women falling in love with and marrying men. They served them well until village dogs barked at them, forcing them to return to their true fox forms. They then ran away. But their husbands longed for their return, because they were such good wives.

Some of the stories speak of how the foxes have their souls trapped in a pearl. This pearl is either located in their mouth or in their tails. If you get hold of this pearl, the fox will promise you anything, if you return it to them.

There are stories of foxes turning into different animals, allowing a poor family to sell them to make money. As soon as they are sold, they return to their fox state. This enables the family to sell them, repeatedly, in different forms, helping them to become rich. Such families are known as fox-owner families. Families that suddenly became rich in villages in Japan, were feared as fox-owner families. This is because their wealth was supposed to have come from trickery.

Some foxes are shape-shifters; even turning into trees. There are stories of how hunters suddenly find trees in the middle of a forest, they had not encountered before. They realised these were fox spirits and would shoot arrows at the tree. The next day, they would find there a dead fox struck with arrows, instead of the tree.

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First Mysuru City Kannada Sahitya Sammelana begins

Call for united fight to protect Kannada land, culture

Mysuru, Feb.18 (PM&DM)- The day-long first ever City Kannada Sahitya Sammelana got off to a colourful start this morning with the Sammelana Chairperson and veteran woman writer Aryamba Pattabhi, accompanied by City Kannada Sahitya Parishat President K.S. Shivaramu and District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Dr. Y.D. Rajanna, being brought in a procession on a motor-powered Sarot (Chariot) from Kuvempu Statue at the main entrance to Manasagangothri from Bogadi road side to Vijnana Bhavan in Manasagangothri campus.

A host of folk troupes too were part of the procession.

Actor 'Mukhyamantri' Chandru, who is also a former Chairman of Kannada Development Authority, inaugurated the day-long event by lighting the lamp along with other dignitaries.

Speaking on the occasion, 'Mukhyamantri' Chandru regretted the consistent decline of a united struggle for the cause of Kannada land, language and culture, which is now facing serious threat from outside forces.

Stressing on the need for a united struggle to save our land and culture for generations to come, he said that Mysuru should take the lead role in leading a wholly united front to save Kannada land and culture.

Condemning the efforts to impose Hindi on non-Hindi speaking people, Chandru said that though we do not oppose Hindi as a language, it is wrong to say that Hindi is the only national language.

Emphasising on the need to resist imposition of Hindi, he called upon litterateurs and literary bodies to take the issue seriously and oppose the Centre's efforts to propagate Hindi through forced means and ways.

Former Karnataka Nataka Academy Chairman Srinivas J. Kappanna released a book titled 'Preetigelli Beli' on the occasion. Former Sanskrit University Vice-Chancellor Dr. Padma Shekar, MLAs L. Nagendra and Tanveer Sait, former Mysuru ZP President K. Marigowda, Dr. H.K. Chetan, Special Officer to the University of Mysore Vice-Chancellor, Dr. C. Venkatesh, State President of Delhi based Bharatiya Dalit Sahitya Academy and others were present at the Sammelana.

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'Metro Man' Sreedharan to join BJP; contest Kerala polls

New Delhi, Feb.18 (Agencies)- E. Sreedharan, the engineering legend behind the Delhi Metro and many similar projects across the country, is set to join the BJP months ahead of polls in Kerala.

E. Sreedharan

"I have decided to join the BJP, just official formalities remain," Sreedharan told a TV channel from his hometown Mallapuram. "I believe in the issues the party is raising and I am against blind opposition by political parties nationally."

He will formally join the party during its *Vijay Yatra* in Kerala on Sunday. The 88-year-old is likely to contest the Kerala election, due by May. On the possibility of contesting election, he said: "I am open to contest elections if the party wants."

Asked about his decision to join politics after a long and successful stint steering some of the biggest Metro and Railway projects, he said: "I want to use my time and experience in making a difference."

Elattuvalapil Sreedharan, popularly known as "Metro Man", is credited with changing the face of public transport in India with his leadership in building the Konkan Railway and Delhi Metro while he served as the Managing Director of Delhi Metro Rail Corporation between 1995 and 2012.

Last year, Karnataka IPS Officer, K. Annamalai had quit Police Force and joined BJP. He is presently Vice-President of Tamil Nadu State BJP Unit. Annamalai has also shown interest to contest in the coming TN Assembly elections.

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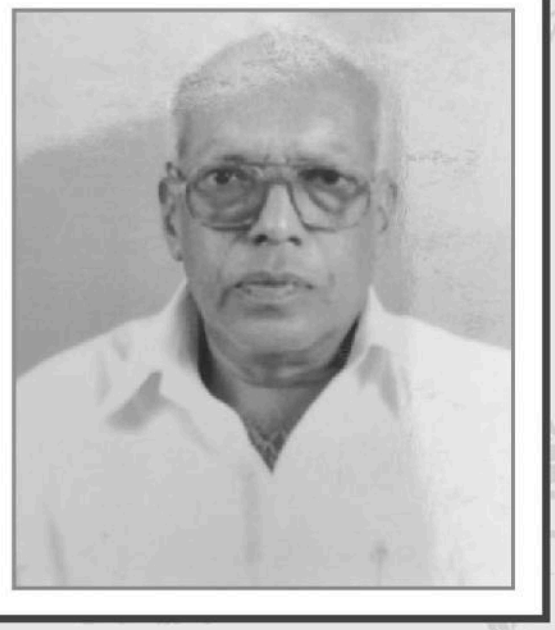

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06296	Talguppa	Mysuru	15.00	22.15	Daily	Fully Reserved
	[Via - Sagara, Shivamogga, Bhadravati, Tarikere, Birur, Kadur, Arsikere, Hassan and K.R. Nagara]					
07301	Mysuru	Dharwad	22.30	08.05	Daily	Fully reserved
07302	Dharwad	Mysuru	20.50	07.05	Daily	Fully reserved

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06220	Tirupati	Chamarajanagar	07.20 (Mys)	09.10	Daily	Fully Reserved
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CRICKET TALK

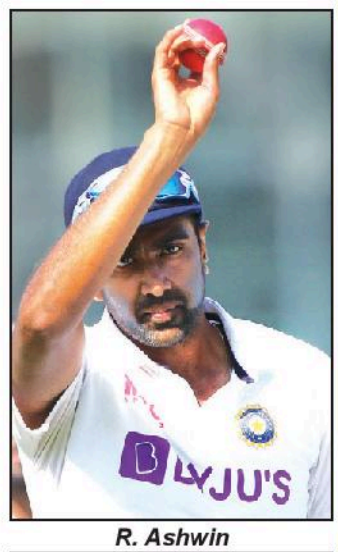
By V.N. Prasad

Levelling series at 1-1

Our boys are 'One Step Closer' to ICC World Test Championship

Team India celebrates win. [Pic. courtesy: Internet]

Congratulations to our boys for pulling off a majestic victory in the 2nd Test; levelling the series at 1-1. And hats off to R. Ashwin on becoming the only '5 Wicket Hauler and a Centurion' in the same Test on Indian soil; and also on surpassing Bajji's domestic record. Ash now has 267 scalps against 266 of Bajji. Great feeling indeed given that Ash was essentially a batsman for TN State and later developed into a 'World Class' Offie. Congratulations on his achievements.



R. Ashwin

Debutant Axar Patel bowled brilliantly to scalp 7 in the match and a 5 wickets haul in the 2nd innings. Also, full marks to Rohit who reinvented himself in scripting that magnificent 161 and the pyrotechnics of Pant who made yet another 50. Virat's fighting 62 in the 2nd was a monumental effort on that pitch.

Surely, winning the toss made a huge difference in the 2nd Test. While Virat had to be diplomatic during post match presentation ceremony in saying that "the toss did not matter", Root seemed more realistic. Going forward, we do hope that we will have more to discuss about the game rather than 'pitching about the pitches'.

Dr. CGN, a keen reader of my articles, spoke to me about the advantages and disadvantages of winning/ losing the toss and made an important observation. "Toss could be avoided and each team may be offered the opportunity to bat first in alternate Tests". Sounded a fair suggestion in view of Chennai dramas.

Now, both teams proceed to the 3rd and 4th at the largest and modern stadia of the world at Ahmadabad. Thanks to the vision of our PM Sri Narendra Modi, the Motera was demolished and reconstructed between 2017 and 2020 — to a world class facility. The stadium; now known as 'Sardar Patel Stadium'; can seat 1.10 lakh spectators. Australian grass has been used with excellent drainage system. 76 Corporate Boxes, 55 rooms Club House, 4 Dressing Rooms and a huge swimming pool await the teams — poised to use the facilities for the first time after the stadium was reopened in early 2020.

Well thought of design also accommodates several other sports facilities like Indoor Cricket Academy, Badminton & Tennis Courts, Squash Arena, Table Tennis rooms, a Theatre and 50 rooms. Redeeming design feature is that 'Entry and Exit' pathways are linked to well designed 'Sky Walks' to decrease congestion on approach roads. Structure is designed to take 'Seismic and Wind Loads' — simulated during design works — all at a cost of Rs. 800 crore.

The only prayer is that the pitches/ tracks are well laid to international standards to offer fair playing conditions to the bowlers, batsmen and the fielders — very much unlike the forgettable Chennai conditions. Best to our boys.

'Discipline at work is top priority'

Says Mysuru Taluk Tahsildar K.R. Rakshith

Being born and brought up in Mysuru, he considers himself fortunate to serve as Tahsildar of Mysuru taluk. Holding Gram Panchayat (GP) elections without any law and order problem and clearing rampant encroachment of Government lands were the two major challenges before this young and dynamic KAS Officer of 2014 batch, who took charge as Tahsildar on Jan. 6, 2020 in a politically sensitive region frequented by VIPs and VVIPs.

A native of Kiragandur in Mandya district, he says managing the visit of VVIPs as per protocol is the biggest responsibility. There are occasions when he has worked even on general holidays. Because of this, he has not been able to give more time to family. Meet 30-year-old K.R. Rakshith, who had a free-wheeling chat with *Star of Mysore*. Excerpts. —Ed

By S.T. Ravikumar

Star of Mysore (SOM): In the last two decades, land value has sky-rocketed in Mysuru. Tell us about your action plan for effective curbing and clearance of land encroachments?

K.R. Rakshith (KRR): Every document in Taluk Office is made available only through Survey, Settlement and Land Records Department. All records are not yet computerised and the office is under CCTV camera surveillance. All landed Government properties in the taluk are being collated and checked by local staff. In case of any encroachments, immediate steps are taken for evictions as well as measures to reclaim the Government property. Ever since I assumed office, we have cleared encroachments of 64 burial grounds and 20 lakes in the taluk besides digging trenches to prevent fresh encroachments. Due to pandemic, we have been facing some difficulty in accomplishing our tasks but I hope in the coming days, we would be able to carry out the same on expected lines and in a more effective manner.

SOM: What action will you initiate to clear encroachments of Government lands including Gomala, Raja Kaluves and Conservancies?

KRR: From the day I took charge as Tahsildar, I am collecting all information from the executive staff and taking steps for clearance of encroachments.

SOM: Are you getting co-operation from your staff members in your drive against encroachments?

KRR: After assuming office, citizens were requested to share information regarding encroachment of Government land through writing or orally. Accordingly, priority is being given for the clearance of encroachments as well as protecting the same. All my staff are with me in this regard.

SOM: What about co-operation from elected representatives? Are they interfering in your work?

KRR: All the elected representatives in the region are co-operating with our Department. No one is unnecessarily interfering with the Taluk Administration.

SOM: What steps have you taken to motivate your workforce to perform duty in a disciplined manner, prevent undue delay in attending to public work and curb corruption?

KRR: Discipline at work is our first priority. Priority is also given to clear pending files. During monthly meetings, the staff are regularly instructed to carry out their duties in a disciplined manner. We have also displayed messages on the notice board and at various points in our office premises asking the public not to grease the palm of anyone.

SOM: What is the system to issue RTC, MR, land records and social security benefits?

KRR: Mysuru taluk, which includes Mysuru city, is a densely populated region. Hence, we have opened an Information Centre at the Taluk Office so that public have easy access to all their documents such as RTC (Records of Rights, Tenancy and Crops) and MR (Mutation Register). Similarly, we have been taking all necessary steps to provide social security benefits to targeted beneficiaries in a stipulated time.

SOM: Share with us your experience on handling legal hurdles in Taluk Administration.

KRR: Pending Court cases and delay is, of course, a widely acknowledged issue. Compared to other taluks, Mysuru taluk has the highest number of land dispute cases pending before Civil Courts, High Court and the Supreme Court. According to orders issued by the Government, the Tahsildar is empowered to function as Dispute Redressal Officer in most such cases. I have been executing my duties accordingly and at the same time facing some challenges due to time constraints.

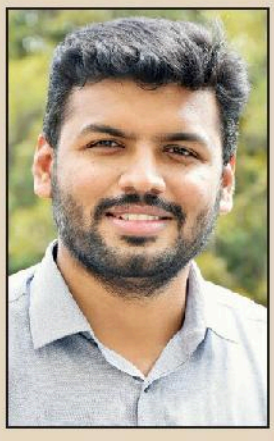
SOM: What are the challenges you faced during the recently held Gram Panchayat (GP) elections?

KRR: As GP election is the main election in rural areas, preparation of error-free voters list was a major task for us as each vote was counted. In two particular Constituencies, as the candidates had secured equal number of votes, the winner had to be decided by draw of lots. As counting of votes is crucial in deciding the fate of a candidate, there was a great challenge before the Taluk Administration in handling 1,500 candidates and another 1,500 polling agents apart from the counting staff at the counting centre without any law and order problem. Thanks to the co-operation of Police personnel on duty, everything went on smoothly.

SOM: What farmer and citizen-friendly administrative measures you have taken?

KRR: I have been holding Revenue Adalat and Pension Adalat at Panchayat-level on a regular basis to find solution to the problems faced by farmers in getting land records such as RTC, etc. Through these measures, I think, our administrative system has come closer to the people, with Government facilities easily reaching the rural beneficiaries at their doorstep.

K.R. Rakshith had his High School education in the famed Sri Ramakrishna Vidyashala in Yadavagiri, Mysuru; PUC in Sadvidya College and completed BE (Electronics & Communication) from Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering (VVCE), Mysuru.

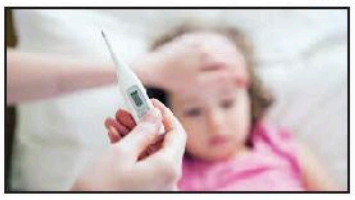


A 2014 batch KAS Officer, after his probationary period in Mysuru district, Rakshith worked as Harihara Tahsildar for four months and Sakleshpur Tahsildar for one year, before taking charge in Mysuru.

Son of K.H. Ramesh and Kalpana, native of Kiragandur in Mandya district, Rakshith is married to Pallavi, an Orthodontist and the couple is blessed with a four-month-old baby boy Parth. Presently, Rakshith resides at Yadavagiri.

WORD OF THE DAY

Febrile



Pronunciation: FEB-ryle.
Meaning: Marked or caused by fever : feverish.
Origin: Not too surprisingly, febrile originated in the field of medicine. We note its first use in the work of the 17th-century medical reformer Noah Biggs. Biggs used it in admonishing physicians to care for their "febrile patients" properly. Both feverish and febrile are from the Latin word for "fever," which is febris. Nowadays, febrile is used in medicine in a variety of ways, including references to such things as "the febrile phase" of an illness. And, like feverish, it also has an extended sense, as in "a febrile emotional state."
Example: "Continually, young men, singly or in groups, came from the doorway, wiping their lips with sidelong gestures of the hand. The whole place exhaled the febrile bustle of the saloon on a holiday morning." — Frank Norris

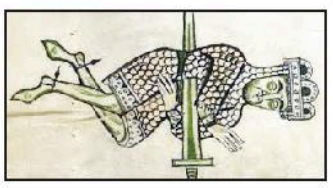
THE ODD WORD

Farctate

Full; stuffed.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Fall on your sword



Meaning: To 'fall on your sword' is, literally, to commit suicide or, figuratively, to offer your resignation.
Origin: The phrase 'falling on one's sword' now usually refers to people resigning from public office, but it did in fact originate from people committing ritual suicide by sword. It's been some time since men routinely carried swords and the use of 'falling on one's sword' is now restricted to the figurative usage when someone takes personal responsibility for a group action.
The expression was used widely following the resignation of Lord Peter Carrington, who resigned from his post as Foreign Secretary for the Thatcher government in 1982, following Argentina's invasion of the Falkland Islands. He was the last high-profile politician in the UK to take personal responsibility in such circumstances. 'Falling on one's sword' isn't just a figurative phrase - people actually did it. The actual practise of committing suicide by falling on one's sword dates back to ancient Rome. Plutarch records such a death in The Life of Brutus:
Finally, he [Brutus] spoke to Volumnius himself in Greek, reminding him of their student life, and begged him to grasp his sword with him and help him drive home the blow. And when Volumnius refused, and the rest likewise ... grasping with both hands the hilt of his naked sword, he fell upon it and died.
The above account was published in English in 1918.

QUOTE BOX

Beauty is power; a smile is its sword. **—John Ray**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

X QQ ME

Answer: Excuse me.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Mayawati's party
4 Aeronautical Mobile Satellite Serv.
8 Bombay Suburban Electric Supply, in short?
12 "Ali" turning into a girl?
13 Thailand money
14 Singer Coolidge
15 Forefather
17 Arrow poison
18 Noted film maker Mahesh ___
19 Propel lightly
21 Anti-aircraft artillery, in short?
23 Protuberant belly
27 Chronicle, anal or record
31 Moneylending
32 Prefix or combining form meaning of living things
33 Tennis star Rafael ____
35 Plan, outline, diagram
36 Anatomical sacs
38 Uganda's former capital
40 A monarch's chair
42 Use a spade
43 Offensive to sight
45 Emperor of Ethiopia
49 ___ off : get a car race or rally going?
52 Drilling, boring or piercing with a tool
54 Money
55 North Mexican town - "oats" anagram?
56 Capable
57 Study hard - slang usage
58 ___ it all : commits suicide?
59 Time To Stn.

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

L	E	S	S	■	H	O	O	F	■	P	O	P
A	C	H	E	■	T	A	R	A	■	U	S	E
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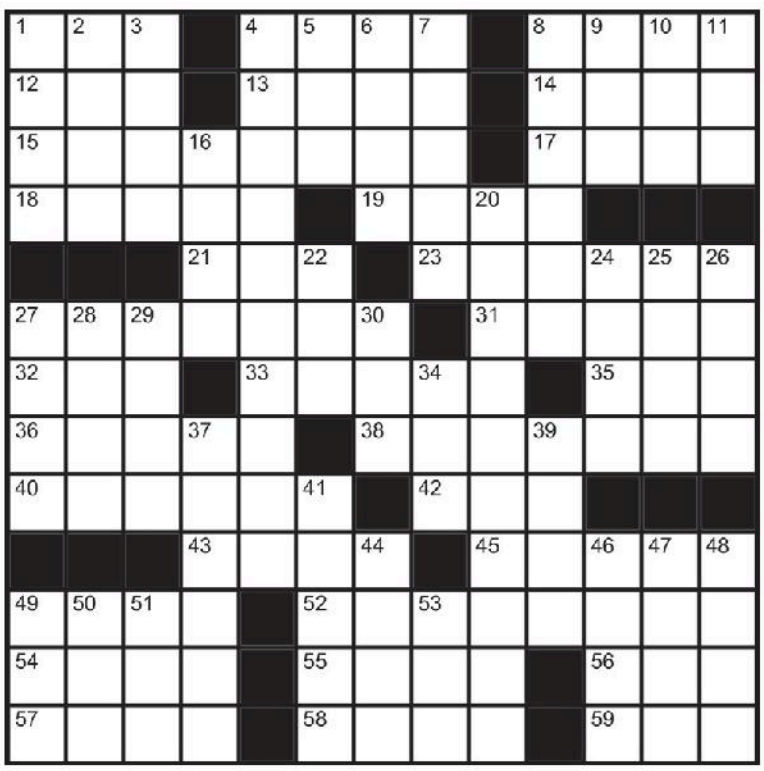
DOWN

1 Tell all
2 Hyperbolic trigonometric function
3 Rodent - "a cap" crumpled?
4 Refusing to be involved
5 Table linen for an individual place setting
6 To demonstrate
7 Binding
8 Caesar's murderer
9 Tiny drink
10 Estimated time of arrival, in short
11 European airline, in short
16 UP town
20 Defectiveness
22 Ms Gardner
24 Insensible, dazed or unconscious
25 It represents thesign of the Zodiac, Cancer
26 Ballyhoo
27 Blind as _ ___? (1,3)
28 Wealthy
29 Fibre obtained from coconut husks
30 Dutch commune
34 Besides, also
37 Nothing, zero
39 Elbe tributary
41 Thrill or enthuse
44 Currency of China
46 Present
47 A small detachment of soldiers
48 Army three-stripers in short?
49 Flight Control Sys.
50 Tenet or rule
51 Kyushu mountain
53 Deity - the Almighty



SUDOKO

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			1			9	3	
	9						2	
	6	2			5			
7								5
		1		8				
6			2	1		4		

Answer to previous puzzle

5	6	1	7	9	2	8	4	3
3	4	9	6	1	8	2	7	5
8	7	2	4	5	3	1	6	9
6	1	5	9	8	7	4	3	2
9	3	7	2	4	6	5	1	8
2	8	4	1	3	5	6	9	7
4	2	6	8	7	9	3	5	1
7	5	8	3	6	1	9	2	4
1	9	3	5	2	4	7	8	6

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

GW EPY KAAZ YPGJ WEPW JAXVDSPDU GY WEA

MVSYW OVSX VO QVNASZXAZW AIDALW PRR

WEA VWEASY WEPW EPNA KAAZ WSGAJ.

TODAY'S CLUE: W EQUALS T

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Some people will never learn anything because they understand everything too soon.

Karnatak Classical Music Concert

Vid. Rao R. Sharath

Mysuru, Feb. 18- Gayana Sabha, Mysuru, has organised Karnatak Classical Music Concert by Vid. Rao R. Sharath, renowned vocalist from city, at Ganabharathi in Kuvempunagar on Feb. 20 at 6 pm.

He will be accompanied by Vid. Y.P. Vikram Bharadwaj on mridanga, Vidu. C.S. Shruthi on violin, and Vid. Srinidhi R. Kaundinya on ghata.

NOW SHOWING - MOVIES

- **Padma Theatre** **Ph: 2521923**
  Inspector Vikram (K) - *4 shows*
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  Shadow (K) - 4 Shows
- **Uma Theatre** **Ph: 2520009**
  Mastram (H) - 4 Shows

DRC CINEMAS **Ph: 4240422, 4241800**

Inspector Vikram (K)	(S-1)	10.20 am, 1.20 pm, 4.20 pm, 9.50 pm
	(S-4)	7.00 pm
Kutty Story (Ta)	(S-1)	7.15 pm
Uppena (Te)	(S-2)	10.30 am, 7.00 pm
	(S-4)	9.55 pm
Ramarjuna (K)	(S-2)	1.30 pm
Kanasu Maratakkide (K)	(S-2)	4.15 pm
Saajan Bakery Since 1962 (Ma)	(S-2)	9.55 pm
Mangalavara Rajaadina (K)	(S-3)	11.00 am, 9.55 pm
	(S-4)	4.30 pm
Naanum Single Thaan (Ta)	(S-3)	1.30 pm
Parris Jeyaraj (Ta)	(S-3)	4.00 pm
FCUK (Father, Chitti, Umaa, Kaarthik) (Te)	(S-3)	6.45 pm
Kalavida (K)	(S-4)	11.00 am
Monster Hunter (E-3D)	(S-4)	2.00 pm

INOX LIVE THE MOVIE **Ph: 2533444 / 2533456**

Inspector Vikram (K)	(S-1)	9.55 pm
	(S-2)	2.15 pm, 6.00 pm
	(S-4)	11.00 am, 9.00 pm
Mangalavara Rajaadina (K)	(S-4)	2.30 pm
Ramarjuna (K)	(S-3)	12.15 pm
FCUK (Father, Chitti, Umaa, Kaarthik) (Te)	(S-2)	9.30 pm
Uppena (Te)	(S-1)	3.05 pm, 6.30 pm
	(S-2)	10.45 am
Monster Hunter (E-3D)	(S-1)	12.20 pm
Kutty Story (Ta)	(S-3)	9.45 pm
Parris Jeyaraj (Ta)	(S-3)	3.30 pm
Saajan Bakery Since 1962 (Ma)	(S-3)	6.30 pm
Nimmuru (K)	(S-4)	5.15 pm

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Mangalavara Rajaadina (K)	(S-2)	11.00 am
	(S-4)	7.00 pm
FCUK (Father, Chitti, Umaa, Kaarthik) (Te)	(S-2)	1.15 pm
Kanasu Maratakkide (K)	(S-2)	4.25 pm
Inspector Vikram (K)	(S-2)	7.00 pm
	(S-3)	10.45 am, 1.50 pm, 5.00 pm, 9.00 pm
Preethi Endarenu (K)	(S-4)	11.00 am
Ramarjuna (K)	(S-4)	1.15 pm
Naanum Single Thaan (Ta)	(S-4)	3.55 pm, 9.15 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here. **The other multiplexes and single screen theatres are yet to open.**

EVENTS TODAY (FEB. 18)

- **Kannada Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru City Unit:** Mysuru City Kannada Sahitya Sammelana, noted writer Aryamba Pattabhi chairs, Kavigoshti, Kuvempu Institute of Kannada Studies (KIKS) Assistant Professor N.K. Lolakshi presides, **4 pm;** Dr. C.P. Krishna Kumar (CPK) felicitates achievers including photojournalist from *Star of Mysore* M.N. Lakshminarayana Yadav (LNY), senior journalist M.T. Yogesh Kumar (MTY) and wildlife photographer S.R. Madhusudan, MLC A.H. Vishwanath presides, **5 pm;** Valedictory - Sammelana President Aryambha Pattabhi delivers talk, District Kannada Sahitya Parishat Mysuru President Dr. Y.D. Rajanna presides, Police Training School Principal Dr. Dharanidevi Malagatti delivers valedictory speech, noted singer of *Ede Thumbi Haaduvenu*-fame Ruthvik C. Raj and team will present musical event 'Gaana - Savigaana,' Vijnana Bhavana, Manasagangothri, **6 pm.**
- **Haridasa Sangeetha Sahityotsava Samiti, Mysuru:** 'Madhwa-Purandara Namana,' music by Vidu. Sumana Srikanth of Mysuru, Vid. Rajesh Padiyar, Mysuru and Pt. Anirudhacharya Pandurangi of Mysuru will analyse the literature, Srimaduttaradi Mutt, Agrahara: **4.30 pm to 8.30 pm.**
- **Music Concert:** Musical Tribute to sitar maestro, *Padma Vibhushan* Ustad Abdul Halim Jaffer Khan on his birth anniversary, sitar concert by his direct disciple Pt. Saroj Kumar Mukherjee, accompanied by Pt. Ramesh Dhannur on tabla, Mukherjee's residence, No. D1, 3rd Floor, Dhanvantari Apartments, 3rd Main, Jayalakshmipuram, **6 pm.**
- **The Mysuru Literary Forum Charitable Trust & Mysuru Book Clubs-2015:** Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar releases the book 'Timeless Mahindra' authored by Adil Jal Darukhanawala, Wind Chimes, Nazarbad, **6 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (FEB. 19)

- **Mysore Yoga Okkuta:** Okkuta's 20th anniversary, 108 Surya Namaskara as part of Ratha Sapthami and Surya Yajna, titular head of Mysuru royal family Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar inaugurates, Okkuta Hon. President Dr. A.S. Chandrashekar presides, Okkuta President and Chaitanya Yoga Kendra Founder-President Dr. B.P. Murthy, Okkuta Secretary and Maruti Yoga Shikshana Kendra Founder-President T. Jalendra Kumar, Okkuta Vice-President and Mysore Academy of Yoga Founder-President M.S. Ramesh Kumar, Okkuta Gen. Secretary and Sri Paramahamsa Yoga Shikshana Mandira Founder-President K.G. Devaraju, Mysuru District AYUSH Officer Dr. B.S. Seethalakshmi and Yoga Foundation of Mysore (YFM) Organising Secretary S. Shashikumar chief guests, Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple, Palace North Gate, **5.45 am.**
- **Trayinyas Srividya Foundation:** Sri Navarathri Mahotsava, Punyaha, Nandhi, Ganapati Puja, Mahasankalpa, Kalasha Sthapana, Sapthashathi Parayana, Srichakrarchana, Navavarana Puja, **8.30 am;** Sri Dwadasha Saraswathi Homa, Trayinyas, #8, 7th Main, 3rd Block, Jayalakshmipuram, **5.30 pm.**
- **Samridhi:** Lifestyle expo, The Quorum Hotel, Vinoba Road, **10.30 am to 8.30 pm.**
- **Kannada & Culture Department:** Savita Maharshi Jayanti, Maneyangala, Kalamandira premises, **11 am;** Chhatrapati Shivaji Jayanti, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **11.30 am.**
- **Karnataka Kshatriya Maratha Parishat (KKMP):** Chhatrapati Sri Shivaji Maharaj's 394th Jayanthyotsava, Co-operative and District in-Charge Minister S.T. Somashekar inaugurates, MLA Tanveer Sait presides, Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha, MLAs S.A. Ramdas, L. Nagendra and G.T. Devegowda, Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) Chairman H.V. Rajeev, former MLA and BJP leader Maruti Rao Pawar, Corporators Satyaraj, Shobha Sunil, Satish and Chayadevi, former Mayor Sandesh Swamy, Congress leader and City Co-operative Bank Director Druvaraj chief guests, felicitation to Dr. R.N. Suresh, former Corporator B. Nataraj will be present, prayer by Anita and Dakshayini, KKMP premises, No. CA-2, North 1st Stage, Main Road, Gayatripuram, **3 pm.**
- **Haridasa Sangeetha Sahityotsava Samiti, Mysuru:** 'Madhwa-Purandara Namana,' vocal music by Vidu. Chandini Garthikere of Bengaluru, Vid. Abhiram Bharatavamshi of Bengaluru and Pt. Pramodacharya Pujar of Koppala will analyse the literature, Srimaduttaradi Mutt, Agrahara: **4.30 pm to 8.30 pm.**
- **Karnataka Shilpakala Academy and Chamarajendra Academy of Visual Arts (CAVA):** Valedictory of National Contemporary Sculpture Workshop, former Lalit Kala Akademi Chairman and Administrative Officer C.S. Krishna Shetty dedicates the sculptures, Department of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage Commissioner B.R. Poornima presides, Karnataka Lalit Kala Akademi Chairman D. Mahendra and CAVA Administrative Officer Nirmala Mathapati will be present, CAVA premises, **5 pm.**
- **Ganabharathi:** Vid. M.J. Sreenivasa Iyengar Memorial Concert, veena recital by Vidu. Revathi Murthy, accompanied by Vid. C. Cheluvaraju on mridanga and Vid. N. Gurumurthy on ghata, **6 pm.** [Mob: 99000-82773]

AO australian open

TOMORROW'S MATCHES (Feb. 19)

FINALS

Women's Doubles

3 Barbora Krejčíková & Kateřina Siniaková Vs
2 Elise Mertens & Aryna Sabalenka **10.30 am**

SEMI-FINALS

Men's Doubles

6 Jamie Murray & Bruno Soares Vs
5 Rajeev Ram & Joe Salisbury **7.30 am**

Mixed Doubles

Matthew Ebden & Samantha Stosur Vs
Joe Salisbury & Desirae Krawczyk **9.30 am**

Men's Singles

4 Daniil Medvedev Vs **5 StefanosTsitsipas** **2.00 pm**

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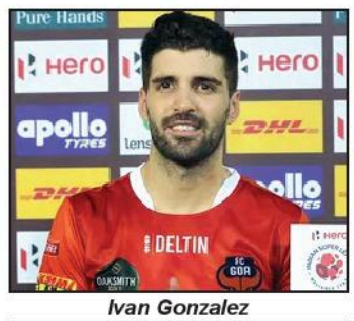

Ivan Gonzalez

Margao, Feb. 18- FC Goa broke their run of draws with a comfortable 3-1 win over Odisha FC in the Match 97 of Hero Indian Super League (Hero ISL) 2020-21 at the Fatorda Stadium here yesterday.

The Gaurs were in control for the majority of the first half after taking a two-goal lead, although Diego Mauricio pulled one back for Odisha in the 30th minute.

Ivan Gonzalez scored FC Goa's third goal in the second 45 minutes to seal the win.

AWARDS — Hero of the Match: Ivan Gonzalez (Goa); **DHL Winning Pass Award:** Saviour Gama (Goa).

INDIAN SUPER LEAGUE IMG RELIANCE STAR

Today's Match (Feb. 18)

CHENNAIYIN Vs **NORTHEAST UNITED**
GMC Stadium, Bambolim, Goa, **7.30 pm**

Tomorrow's Match (Feb. 19)

ATK MOHUN BAGAN Vs **EAST BENGAL**
Fatorda Stadium, Margao, Goa, **7.30 pm**

Yesterday's Result

GOA - 3
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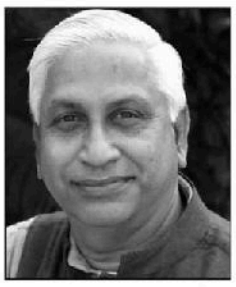

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